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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALLEN, 8, Clement's Lane,
Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET, 30,
CORNHILL. GORDON & GORDON, Ltd.,
CORNHILL. E. C. BATES, HENDY & CO.,
4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRAKE &
CO., 180 & 184, Leadenhall Street.
PARIS AND EUROPE:—LEON DE ROSEY,
19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.
NEW YORK:—ANDREW WILD, 133, Nassau
Street.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW
ZEALAND:—GORDON & GORDON, Mel-
bourne and Sydney.
SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports
generally:—BEN & BLACK, San Fran-
cisco.
SINGAPORE AND STRAITS:—SAYLE &
CO., Square, Singapore. C. HENNINGER
& CO., Manila.
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Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLSON & CO.,
Fuzhou, HENDER & CO., Shanghai,
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY
& WATSON, Yokohama, LANE, CRAW-
FORD & CO.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SARSON, Esq.
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CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai, EWEEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 14, 1878.

For Sale.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO. HAVE FOR SALE.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
AMERICAN COOKING & PARLOUR
STOVES.

TENDERS and FIRE IRONS.
Superior California LAMBSWOOL
BLANKETS.

FAIRBANK'S SCALES, from 400 lb.
to 2,500 lb.

BRUSSELS and TAPESTRY CAR-
PETS, various patterns.

VELVET and TAPESTRY SOFA
CARPETS and RUGS.

DOOR MATS.
HORSE BLANKETS.

Central and Pin-fire CARTRIDGE
CASES.

Gun-WADS, PERCUSSION CAPS.

STATIONERY, of every description.
BOOKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.
NOVELS. SCHOOL BOOKS.

SHEET MUSIC and SONGS.

French APPLES, and LEMONS.
SALMON BELLIES, in Kits.

MACARONI, TONGUES & SOUNDS.
Family PIG PORK, and Prime Mess
BEEF, in Kegs 25 lb. each.

CAVIARE, SARDELLIES, and Spiced
ANCHOVIES.

Prime American BACON and HAMS.
Cutting's JAMS and JELLIES Assorted.

GRAHAM FLOUR, CORN MEAL,
RYE MEAL, &c., &c.

Canned Dessert FRUITS.
Compressed CORNED BEEF, and
BEEF TONGUES.

PICKLED SALMON, in Quantities to
suit Purchasers.

CROUSE & BLACKWELL'S OILMAN'S
STORES, of every kind; Fresh Supplies
received by every Steamer.

CLARET in Cask (BANDON), Superior
Quality.

BAROLY PERKIN'S PORTER, in Hogs-
heads and Kilderkins.

Auctions.

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have
been instructed by Lieut.-Col.
SHERVINGTON, A.C.G., to sell by Public
Auction, at his Residence "Craigelachie,"
ON

MONDAY,

the 18th February, 1878, at 2 o'clock
P.M.

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE, comprising: Drawing-
room Chairs, Couches, Mirrors, Side
Tables, Pictures, Whatnots, Lamps, &c.
Dining Table and Chairs, Sideboards,
Crockery, Glass-ware and Electro-plated
Ware, &c. Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chests
of Drawers, Toilet Glasses, Dressing
Tables, Washstands, &c., &c.

A Semi-grand PIANO, by COLLARD
and COLLARD.

A collection of Choice Plants in Pots.
Ladies' and Gentlemen's Sedan Chairs.
A Dog Cart, with Hickory Wheels,
Lamps, &c.

Catalogues will be issued.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

All Lots, with all faults and errors of
description, at purchaser's risk on the fall
of the hammer.

Hongkong, February 9, 1878. fe18

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-
tions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 19th February, 1878, at 2 o'clock
P.M., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

An Invoice of CHINESE and
JAPANESE WARE, comprising:

Bronzes, Porcelain Vases and Cups, Tea
Sets, Ornaments, Lacquered Cabinets,
Boxes, Plates and Stands, Tortoise-shell
Ware, Ivory Inlaid Cabinets, Inlaid
Handkerchief Boxes, &c.

Assorted Silk Handkerchiefs, Em-
broided Caps and Cushions, Crane
Shawls and Scarves, Black and Coloured
Silk, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

All Lots, with all faults and errors of
description, at purchaser's risk on the fall
of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, February 14, 1878. fe19

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co. have
received instructions to sell
by Public Auction,

On a Date hereafter to be named.
The British Barque
"ALPHINGTON,"

of 326 Tons Register, or of about 8,000
piculs Carrying Capacity, with all her
TACKLE, APPAREL and INVENTORY.

The Vessel was Built under Lloyd's
special survey at Berwick-on-Tweed in
1856, Classed 12 years A. 1. at Lloyd's
and continued in 1868 A. 1. for 8 years.

She was Remastered over Felt in Lon-
don in July, 1875.

TERMS.—One-third of the purchase
money to be paid on fall of the hammer,
the remainder upon Transfer being
effected. The Vessel is at Purchaser's
risk immediately after fall of hammer.

Hongkong, January 23, 1877.

Intimations.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.
J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.
SAMUEL BORROW, Secretary.
A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for
China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE,
120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets.....\$51,700,000
Surplus.....\$ 5,500,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents in Hongkong, China, for the
above Company, are prepared to Accept
Bills at greatly reduced rates and upon
terms very favourable to the assured.

For full information and particulars,
apply to

OLYPHANT & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of
the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present
Fifty-year Lease expiring on the 31st
August, 1878.

SEALED TENDERS to
be sent in on or before the 31st March,
1878, to the Secretary of the Hongkong
HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply
any information required.

By Order of the Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, September 15, 1877. sp1

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

NEWS AGENTS.

AUCTIONEERS.

Agents for

THE LONDON AND CHINA EXPRESS.

THE OVERLAND MAIL.

THE HOME NEWS.

General Commission Agents.

Commissions and Orders from the Coast
and Out-ports attended to with care
and promptness.

Hongkong, February 9, 1878.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 3% or
\$2.25 per SHARE, declared at the
Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Share-
holders held this Day, will be Payable at
the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING COR-
PORATION on and after MONDAY, the 28th
Instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply at
the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 25, 1878.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ninth Ordinary Annual MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in the above
Company will be held at the Office of the
Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on MON-
DAY, the 18th February next, at Three
o'clock in the Afternoon, to receive a State-
ment of Accounts for the Year 1877, the
Report of the General Managers, and to
elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
LIMITED.
Hongkong, January 26, 1878. fe18

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 4th to
the 18th February next, both days in-
cluded.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
LIMITED.
Hongkong, January 26, 1878. fe18

NOTIFICATION.

A COPY of the JURY LIST for 1878,
is posted at the SUPREME COURT
House for inspection.

Notice of any Inaccuracies, Omissions,
Objections, &c., must be given to the
Registrar of the Supreme Court on or
before FRIDAY, the 15th day of February,
A.D. 1878, in accordance with the pro-
visions of Section 8 of Ordinance No. 11
of 1864.

It is further notified, that no person
whose name is on the List as a Juror will
be excused from Service on the ground of
any exemption to which he may be entitled,
or on the ground of any want of qualifica-
tion, unless such exemption shall have been
claimed and established, or such want of
qualification shall have been duly proved,
at or before the time above specified.

C. B. PLUNKET,
Registrar.
Hongkong, February 4, 1878.

A CARD.

DR. W. C. EASTLAKE, DENTIST,
can be Consulted at his Rooms,
No. 1, Alexandra Terrace, daily from
10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Hongkong, February 5, 1878. mo5

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to say that he has
RETURNED, and is now ready to
receive Patients.

Hongkong, November 22, 1877.

KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co., COAL MERCHANTS.

Have always on hand for Sale every
description of COAL at Moderate Prices.

Mr. ARNOLD has been appointed Manager,
and all Orders addressed to him at 57,
Praya, or to Mr. FAY JACK, at 30, Hing
Lung Street, will receive immediate atten-
tion.

Hongkong, March 19, 1877. me19

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-
year ending 31st December last, at
the rate of (\$1.50) ONE POUND STERLING
per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and
after FRIDAY, the 15th Current, at the
Office of the Corporation, where Share-
holders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 14, 1878.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL FLOWER and VEGE-
TABLE SHOW will be held in the
PUBLIC GARDENS on FRIDAY, the 22nd,
and SATURDAY, the 23rd February.

ADMISSION.
FIRST DAY.....ONE DOLLAR.
SECOND DAY.....FIFTY CENTS.

Payment at the Gates, or Tickets may
be had of MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Any information required by intending
Exhibitors can be obtained by applying to

W. M. B. ARTHUR,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, February 7, 1878. fe28

WANTED.

TO RENT from the 1st of MARCH for
a month or two, A FURNISHED
HOUSE on the Hill, if possible with
Garden.

Address: "Furnished House," care of
Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, February 14, 1878.

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co.,
PLUMBERS, and GAS FITTERS,
Queen's Road East,
HONGKONG.

September 15, 1877.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.
The Steamship
"TAIWAN,"

Captain M. YOUNG, will be de-
spatched for the above Ports on
SUNDAY, the 17th Instant, at Daylight,
instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, February 14, 1878. fe17

FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamship
"GLENROY,"

Captain DONALDSON, will be
despatched for the above
Port on MONDAY, the 18th Instant, at
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, February 15, 1878. fe18

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).
The Steamship
"SIN NANZING,"

will be despatched as above
on TUESDAY, the 19th
Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, February 13, 1878. fe19

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Eastern and Australian
Steam Co.'s Steamer
"NOEMANY"

will be despatched as above
on or about the 20th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 5, 1878.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
The Company's Steamship
"TANARIS"

Comdt. DE LA MARCELLE, will be
despatched for YOKO-
HAMA shortly after the arrival of the next
French Mail.

H. de POUEY,
Agent.
Hongkong, February 15, 1878.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
The Company's Steamship
"AMAZONE,"

Comdt. MORTENHAY, will be
despatched for SHANGHAI
shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. de POUEY,
Agent.
Hongkong, February 15, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

TO PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Aus-
tralian and New Zealand Ports, TAS-
MANIA, FIJI and NEW CALEDONIA.

The Australasian Steam
Navigation Company's Char-
tered Steamship
"BERTHA,"

E. G. LANGLEY, Commander, will be de-
spatched as above on SATURDAY, the
23rd Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 1, 1878. fe28

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG VIA
SUEZ CANAL.

The German Steamship
"GALATHEA,"

BÖHME, Master, will be despatched
as above towards the end of
FEBRUARY, 1878.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
WM. PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 29, 1878.

FOR MANILA.
The Spanish Steamship
"BUTUAN,"

will have immediate despatch
for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
J. Y. V. SHAW,
Agent.
Hongkong, February 4, 1878.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR VICTORIA (V. L.)

The 41 American 3-m. Schooner
"MIGNON,"

Capt. SOULE, having the greater
portion of her Cargo engaged,
will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to
ROZARIO & Co.
Hongkong, February 9, 1878.

FOR LONDON.
The 100 A 1 British Ship
"BROOMHALL,"

H. BATE, Master, will load
here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 7, 1878.

FOR LONDON.
(To follow the Broomhall).
The 41 British Bark
"ALON,"

DAVID BARNY, Master, will load
here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, February 8, 1878.

FOR LONDON.
The 41 American Ship
"ALICE M. MINOTT,"

WHITMORE, Master, will have
quick despatch for the above
Port.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, February 8, 1878.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).
The 41 British Ship
"CITY OF HALIFAX,"

EVANS, Master, will load here
for the above Port, and will have
quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The 41 American Bark
"B. F. WATSON,"

HAWKINS, Master, will load here
for the above Port, and will have
immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.
The 41 German Bark
"NIAGARA,"

WISCHNIEWSKY, Master, will load
for the above Port, and will have
immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer **ALASKA** will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 18th Instant, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Routes, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT on regular rates is granted to OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., of 17th Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, February 8, 1878. fcl8

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEM, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;

Also,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 21st February, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S. **YANGTSE**, Commandant RAPAPET, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPOILS, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Spoils will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 20th February, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUY, Agent.
Hongkong, February 9, 1878. fcl21



STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean
Ports, Southampton,
and London.

Also,
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship **INDUS**, Captain S. D. SHILLARD, will leave this Port, THURSDAY, the 28th February, at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London, will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route. Silk and Valuables will be transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, February 14, 1878. fcl23

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

AND PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "BELGIO" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on or about FRIDAY, the 1st March, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 28th Instant. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A Reduction is made on RETURN PASSAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight and Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, February 1, 1878. fcl24

Notices to consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. LOMBARDY.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the Steamers **HYDASPES** from London, and **HINDOSTAN** from Calcutta, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 19th Instant will be subject to rent.

ADAM LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, February 12, 1878. fcl17

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
BRITISH BARQUE HARKAWAY, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, February 13, 1878. fcl20

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE BRITISH BARK GLOBE, FROM ANTWERP.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, February 14, 1878. fcl21

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. **Glenroy** having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Underwriter, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice be given before Noon To-morrow.

Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, February 14, 1878. fcl21

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY, Agent.
Ex "Ada."

EG Mr A. Marty, 11 pieces Wood, } from 3 cases Shells, } Saigon.
FP (in diamond) No. 1778 Order, } from 2 cases Hats, } London.

JS (in heart) No. 326/75 Order, } from 50 bales Yarn, } London.

OSH No. 1/5 Mr C. S. Haden, } from 5 cases Wine, } Marseilles.

EG No. 10 Mr E. Gholiti, } from 1 box Music, } Marseilles.

Hongkong, February 13, 1878.

INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon, and Peking.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—Two Millions Sterling.

THE Underwriter is prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods in Mats, on Goods on Board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurance will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Agents Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwriter is prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

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YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up.....£420,000
PERMANENT RESERVE.....230,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....75,000

Total Capital and accumulations this date.....£725,000

Directors:
F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
M. W. BOYD, Esq., J. KNEER, Esq.,
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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, October 1, 1877. fcl

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NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association. Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.
Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwriter, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

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Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Act of Parliament.

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GILMAN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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OFFICE, 48, Bonham Strand.
Hongkong, August 23, 1877. fcl23

THE LONDON ASSURANCE COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Underwriter having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Underwriter have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, October 14, 1869.

To Let.

TO LET.
SMALL GODOWN IN DUNDRELL STREET.

Apply to
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Hongkong, February 7, 1878. fcl20

TO LET.
HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central, with Godowns attached.

House No. 2, Peddar's Hill.
House No. 2, Seymour Terrace.
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

TO LET.
THE Dwelling House and Office No. 1, D'Aguilar Street, lately in the occupation of Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Three Offices, in Club Chambers.
The Bungalow, No. 1, Old Bailey Street.
Apply to
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NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal Soc. pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EYRE, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Two DOLLARS AND A HALF.

To be had from Messrs LAMB, ORAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KILBY & WALKER, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 3, 1877.

Intimations.

W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.
Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

ESTATE OF DODD & Co.

AT the MEETING held on the 13th Instant at Messrs DODD & Co.'s Offices, the following RESOLUTIONS were carried:

1. That the affairs of the said DODD & Co. shall be Liquidated by arrangement, and not in Bankruptcy.

2. That FRANCIS CHOMLEY be, and he is hereby appointed Trustee.

3. That H. ABENDROTH and EDMUND FRY be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Inspection.

ALL PAYMENTS on account of the Estate, it is requested, will be paid to the order of the Underwriter.

F. CHOMLEY,
Trustee for the Estate of DODD & Co.
Amoy, January 14, 1878.

DODD & Co.'s ESTATE.

A FIRST DIVIDEND OF TWENTY PER CENT. will be paid at Amoy on the 20th Instant, at the Office of the Agents of the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

DEBTS not Proved before the 15th Instant will be excluded from the Dividend.

FRANCIS CHOMLEY,
Trustee.
Amoy, 5th Feb., 1878. fcl20

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

AH YON, SHIP'S COMPANION AND STEVEDORE.

No. 57, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING IN THE Chinese Mail.

TWO cents a character for the first 100 characters, and one cent a character beyond the first 100, for first insertion, and half price for repetitions during the first week. Subsequent weeks' insertions will be charged only one half the amount of the first week's charge. Advertisements for half a year and longer will be allowed a deduction of 25 per cent on the total amount, and contracts for more favourable terms can be made.

Efforts have been made to establish Agents for circulating the Chinese Mail in all the ports and in the interior of China, all the ports in Japan, in Saigon, Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the Philippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru and other places which Chinese frequent. When the list of Agencies is completed, it will be published. Agents have been already established in most of the above places, and in important ports more than one agent has been appointed at each.

CHUN AYIN, Manager.
Hongkong, February 23, 1876.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.
45, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, August 20, 1877. fcl20

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By appointment, to
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,
GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;
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Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be issued DAILY instead of TWICE WEEKLY as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

The charges for advertisements are now assimilated to those of the Chinese Mail. The unusual success which has attended the Chinese Mail makes it an admirable medium for advertisers.

The Conductors guarantee an eventual circulation of one thousand copies. It is already the most influential native journal published, and enjoys considerable prestige at the Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, San Francisco and Australia.

For terms, &c., address
MR CHUN AYIN,
Manager.

China Mail Office,
17th February, 1874.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A SECOND RETURN OF CAPITAL at the Rate of FIVE TAELS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of record on the 1st October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst.

Warrants will be delivered by the Underwriter to Shareholders or their lawful representatives on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th Instant, inclusive.

By Order,
RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

PRICE \$6.

THE TREATY PORTS OF China and Japan.

A COMPLETE GUIDE TO THE OPEN PORTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES, TOGETHER WITH Peking, Yedo, HONGKONG AND MANAO.

FORMING A GUIDE BOOK & VADE MECUM FOR TRAVELLERS, MERCHANTS, AND RESIDENTS IN GENERAL.

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WM. F. MAYERS, N. B. DENNIS, and CHAS. KING.

COMPILED AND EDITED BY N. B. DENNIS, F.R.S.

LONDON: N. TRUBNER & Co.
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The scope of this work includes detailed descriptions of important Sites and Monuments, notes on the Climate and general TOPOGRAPHY, FAUNA, FLORA, GEOLOGY and METEOROLOGY of each Port and its neighbourhood, with HISTORICAL NOTICES and minute details respecting the rise and progress and social characteristics of the several foreign settlements. To these particulars are added summaries and statistics of the Trade of each open Port, compiled from official returns, together with statements respecting COMMERCE, CUSTOMS, and EXCHANGES, LINES OF STEAM COMMUNICATION, DISTANCES, and rates of PASSAGE MONEY. Hints, and recommendations to travellers, giving full particulars of OUTFIT and mode of proceeding to the less frequented settlements are also included, combined with notes on DOMESTIC MARKETS and Mode of Living.

In addition to furnishing similar particulars the Section devoted to Hongkong contains an historical sketch forming a chronological index of the chief events which occupied public attention between 1841 and 1866, including POLITICAL EVENTS, CHANGES in the GOVERNMENT SERVICE, the passing of important ORDINANCES, the ARRIVAL and DEPARTURE of EMINENT RESIDENTS, a record of the most notable PIRACIES, ROBBERIES, MURDERS, FRAUDS, FIRES and CRIMINAL TRIALS, ADDRESSES and PRESENTATIONS, &c., &c.

The appendix contains full tables of the various steam companies' lines. It also includes a CATALOGUE of over 440 works published in the English language upon China and Japan, while a copious INDEX at the end of the work affords a ready means of reference

POSTAL RATES.

[Subjoined we give the postal rates now in force for transmission of correspondence to all parts of the world. Detailed rules affecting the transmission of packets, parcels, &c., will be found annexed, together with a number of miscellaneous and useful notices.]

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised Nov. 9th, 1877.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in *pence*, and are, for Letters, *per half ounce*, for Books and Patterns, *per two ounces*.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

N.E. means No Registration.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, the United States, Brazil, India (including Ceylon, the Straits, and Aden), Japan, Egypt, Labuan, Mauritius, Seychelles, Jamaica, Trinidad, British Guiana, and Bermuda, with all French, Danish, Netherlands, Portuguese, and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are: the Australasian Group, British North America, Africa (except French, &c., Colonies), and Central America.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route:—
Letters, 12 pence per oz.
Registration, 8 pence.
Newspapers, 2 pence each.
Books and Patterns, 4 pence per 2 oz.

Exceptional rates, to the United Kingdom and Union Countries served through the United Kingdom via *Brindisi* only:—
Letters, 16 pence per oz.
Registration, 8 pence.
Newspapers, 4 pence each.
Books and Patterns, 6 pence per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

W. Africa, Falkland Islands, Lagos, Gold Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Cape Verde Islands:—

	Via San Francisco, or via Hongkong, Brindisi, or via the Cape.	Via the Cape.
Letters, Registration, Newspapers, Books & Patterns, Aspinwall, Panama:—	22, 12, 4, 8	28, 12, 4, 8

Canada, Vancouver, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia:—

	Via San Francisco, or via Hongkong, Brindisi, or via the Cape.	Via the Cape.
Letters, Registration, Newspapers, Books & Patterns, Bahama, Hayti:—	12, 12, 4, 8	20, 12, 4, 8

Bahamas, Hayti:—

	Via San Francisco, or via Hongkong, Brindisi, or via the Cape.	Via the Cape.
Letters, Registration, Newspapers, Books & Patterns, Bolivia, Chili, Ecuador, and Peru:—	30, 16, 4, 8	46, 16, 4, 8

Hawaiian Kingdom:—

	Via San Francisco, or via Hongkong, Brindisi, or via the Cape.	Via the Cape.
Letters, Registration, Newspapers, Books & Patterns, W. India, (except as above) Costa Rica, Guatemala, Monte Video, New Granada, and Venezuela:—	26, 16, 4, 8	34, 16, 4, 8

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji (n.a.), Natal, Cape, St. Helena, Ascension.

Letters, by Contract Packet 24; by Private Ship 12; Registration, 12; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 4.

* A small extra charge is made on delivery.
† Cannot be sent via San Francisco.

LOCAL AND TOWN POSTAGE.

	Letters.	Registration.	Newspapers.	Books & Patterns.
Within any Town or Settlement, or between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao, in either direction, Between any other two of the following places (through a British Office) viz.—Hongkong, Macao, Porto of China and Japan, Bangkok, Saigon, and the Philippines, by Private Ship, Between the above, by Contract Mail, Any publication fulfilling the conditions hereafter named can pass as a newspaper. The conditions are as follows:—	2	6	2	2

1st. The publication must consist wholly or in great part of political or other news, or of articles relating thereto, or to other current topics, with or without advertisements.

2nd. It must be published in numbers at intervals of not more than 31 days, and must be printed on a sheet or sheets unstitched.

3rd. The full title and date of publication must be printed at the top of the first page, and the whole or part of the title and date of publication at the top of every subsequent page; and this regulation applies to the Table of Contents and Index.

4th. A supplement must consist wholly or in great part of matter like that of a newspaper, or of advertisements, printed on a sheet or sheets, or a piece or pieces of paper, unstitched, or wholly or in part of engravings, prints, or lithographs illustrating articles in the newspaper. The supplement must in every case be published with the newspaper, and must have the title and date of publication of the newspaper printed at the top of every page; or, if it consists of engravings, prints, or lithographs, at the top of every sheet or side.

A packet containing two or more newspapers is not chargeable with a higher rate of postage than would be chargeable on a book packet of the same weight.

A newspaper posted unpaid, or a packet of newspapers posted either unpaid or insufficiently paid, is treated as an unpaid or insufficiently paid book packet of the same weight.

The postage must be prepaid either by an adhesive stamp, or by the use of a stamped wrapper.

No newspaper can now be sent through the post a second time for the original postage. For each transmission a fresh postage is required.

Every newspaper must be posted either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, water, sealing wax, postage stamp, or otherwise) or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of easy removal for examination. If this rule be infringed the newspaper is treated as a letter.

Every newspaper must be so folded, as to admit of the title being readily inspected.

A newspaper or packet of newspapers which contains any enclosure except supplements is charged as a letter, unless the enclosure be such as might be sent at the book rate of postage, and the entire packet be sufficiently prepaid as a book packet, in which case it is allowed to pass.

A newspaper which has any letter, or any communication of the nature of a letter, written in it or upon its cover, is charged as an unpaid or insufficiently paid letter.

No packet of newspapers may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above two feet in length, one foot in width, nor one in depth.

A book-packet may contain any number of separate books or other publications (including printed or lithographed letters), photographs (when not on glass or in cases containing glass or any like substance), drawings, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, or any other substance in ordinary use for writing or printing upon; and the books or other publications, prints, maps, &c., may be either printed, written, engraved, lithographed, or plain, or any mixture of these. Further, all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, &c., or of a portion thereof, is allowed, whether such binding, &c. be loose or attached; as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of books, pens or pencils in the case of pocket-books, &c., and, in short, whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of such articles, or usually appertains thereto; but the binding, rollers, &c. must not be sent as a separate packet.

Circulars, i.e., letters which are intended for transmission in identical terms to several persons, and the whole or the greater part of which is printed, engraved, or lithographed, may also be sent by book packet.

But a book-packet may not contain any letter, or communication of the nature of a letter (whether separate or otherwise), unless it be a circular-letter or be wholly printed; nor any enclosure sealed or in any way closed against inspection; nor any other enclosure not allowed by Rule 3. If this rule be infringed, the entire packet is charged as a letter.

A book-packet may be posted either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, water, sealing wax, postage stamp, or otherwise), or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of the contents being easily withdrawn for examination; otherwise it is treated as a letter. For the greater security of the contents, however, it may be tied at the ends with string; Postmasters being authorized to cut the string in such cases, although if they do so they must again tie up the packet.

No book-packet may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above 24 inches in length, 12 inches in width, or 12 inches in depth, unless it be sent to or from one of the Government offices.

When, owing to a great and unusual influx of letters, books, &c., the transmission or delivery of the letters would be delayed if the whole mail were dealt with without distinction, book-packets may be kept back till the next despatch or delivery.

The limit of size for a book-packet addressed to any place abroad is 24 inches in length and 12 inches in width or depth.

PATTERNS.

They must not be of intrinsic value. This rule excludes all articles of a saleable nature, and indeed whatever may have a value of its own, apart from its use as a pattern; and the quantity of any material sent ostensibly as a pattern must not be so great that it can fairly be considered as having on this ground an intrinsic value.

Pattern and Sample Post to colonies and foreign countries is restricted to bona fide trade patterns or samples of merchandise. Goods sent for sale, or in execution of an order (however small the quantity may be), or any articles sent by one private individual to another, which are not actual patterns or samples, are not admissible.

Patterns or samples, when practicable, must be sent in covers open at the ends, and in such a manner as to be easy of examination. But samples of seeds, drugs, and such like articles, which cannot be sent in covers of this kind, but such articles only, may be posted enclosed in boxes, or bags of linen, of other material, fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened or, in the case of seeds, &c., for the United States of America, Holland, and its possessions, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Portugal, and its possessions, and Switzerland, in bags entirely closed, provided such closed bags are transparent, so

as to enable the Officers of the Post Office readily to satisfy themselves as to the nature of the contents.

There must be no writing or printing upon or in any packet except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender, a trade mark or number, and the price of the articles.

Articles of intrinsic value must not be sent to any foreign country except United States; and in the case of France samples of older down, raw or thread silk, woolen, or goat's hair thread, vanilla, saffron, carmine, or isinglass, are considered to fall under this rule if they weigh more than three ounces; and up to this weight raw and spun silk, as well as coloured and twisted silk, may be sent to Germany.

The rule which forbids the transmission through the Post of any article likely to injure the contents of the Mail Bags or Boxes, or the person of any Officer of the Post Office, is, of course, applicable to the Pattern Post; and a packet containing anything of the kind will be stopped, and not sent to its destination. Articles such as the following have been occasionally posted as Patterns, and have been detained as unfit for the Post, viz.: Metal boxes, porcelain and China, fruit, vegetables, bunches of flowers, cuttings of plants, spurs, knives, scissors, needles, pins, pieces of machinery, sharp pointed instruments, samples of metals, samples of ore, samples in glass bottles, pieces of glass, acids of various kinds, curry combs, copper and steel engraving plates, and confectionery of all kinds.

Such articles as scissors, knives, razors, forks, steel pens, nails, keys, watch machinery, metal tubing, pieces of metal or ore, provided that they be packed and guarded in so secure a manner as to afford complete protection to the contents of the mail bags, and to the Officers of the Post Office, while at the same time they may be easily examined, may be sent as samples to the following countries, but to these alone:—viz., the Azores, Belgium, Cape de Verde Islands, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Holland, Madeira, Moldavia, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United States, Wallachia, and the British Colonies.

A packet of patterns or samples sent to the Azores, Cape de Verde Islands, France, Madeira, Portugal, or by French packet, to Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, must not exceed 18 inches in length, width, or depth; a packet to any other place abroad must not exceed 24 inches in length or 12 inches in width or depth.

To provide the greatest possible facilities for posting Correspondence for Europe, &c., up to the latest moment before the departure of the French Packets, arrangements have been made for receiving at the Post Office late letters—except those to and through Australia—from 11.10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Each letter must bear a late fee of 18 pence extra postage.

The above arrangement is intended to meet occasional emergencies, and not for the regular posting of extensive correspondence. Should it be found, therefore, that large and unmanageable numbers of letters are habitually thrown upon the Department at the last moment, a heavier late fee will be imposed.

A similar supplementary Mail will be made up for Shanghai by the English and French Contract Steamers, the late letters being received from 10 minutes after, up to half an hour after the time of closing. The late fee will also be 18 pence.

Miscellaneous Notices.

There will be communication with Australia via Batavia and Port Darwin, as follows:—

Leave Hongkong by French Packet, Sept. 15, Nov. 29, Leave Batavia, Oct. 1, Dec. 13, Due at Port Darwin, Oct. 12, Dec. 24, 1878.

Sydney, Oct. 31, Jan. 12, Melbourne, Nov. 6, Jan. 18, Adelaide, Nov. 12, Jan. 24.

For the present the correspondence can only be paid to Batavia, from which place it may possibly be forwarded without further charge.

Mails exchanged with Manila and Saigon.

The Philippine Islands being now admitted to the category of the Postal Union, it follows that all paid correspondence received from Manila in the mails will be delivered free by this Office, and that all undelivered correspondence sent to Manila in the mails should be delivered free there.

Article IX of the Postal Treaty of Bern provides that "Neither the senders nor the addressees of letters and other postal packets shall be called upon to pay, either in the Country of Origin, or in that of Destination, any tax or duty other than the recognized rates levied (in the case of paid correspondence) by the despatching Office. It is hoped that any extra charge, or apparently extra charge, will at once be brought to the notice of the proper authorities, in either Colony.

The above does not apply in any case to letters sent outside the mails. These will always be charged on arrival in Hongkong and probably the Manila Office will adopt the same course.

Complaints are sometimes received of extra charges on correspondence exchanged between this Colony and Saigon, but it is believed it would be found in all cases that the letters, &c., had been sent loose.

Any Foreign stamps on loose correspondence are obliterated in this Office.

Indian Correspondence.

Unpaid Letters are not received for the Indian Mail Packets.

The Pre-payment of correspondence for the Straits, India, Ceylon, and Aden is compulsory by whatever opportunity it is forwarded.

Registration to Bangkok.

Her Britannic Majesty's Consul General for Siam has been good enough to make arrangements by means of which correspondence can be Registered to Bangkok, at the usual charge of 5 cents.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Letters.

Privates in H. M. Army or Navy, Non-commissioned Officers, Army Schoolmasters (not superintending or First Class) or Schoolmistresses may send half-ounce letters to the United Kingdom via Southampton by British Packet, for one penny; or via Brindisi by British Packet for three pence. Hongkong stamps will prepay this class of

* But not Warrant Officers, viz., Assistant Engineer, Gunner, Boatswain, or Carpenter.

correspondence exactly the same as Imperial Stamps.

Soldiers' and Sailors' letters are, however, charged as ordinary letters if they do not conform to the following regulations:—

1. Not to exceed half an ounce. No double letters are allowed.

2. If from a Soldier or Sailor, his class or description must be stated in full on the letter, and the commanding Officer must sign his name, with name of Regiment, or Ship, &c., in full.

3. If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class or description must be stated in full, with name of Regiment, or Ship, &c., in full.

Communication with Batavia.

The Netherlands India Packets leave Singapore fortnightly, and are fitted to the arrival of the outward P. & O. Mail from Europe.

The French Packets for Batavia wait at Singapore for the Packet from China and run fortnightly.

It follows that, to forward Correspondence to Batavia with the least delay, the following are the best opportunities:—

In the S.W. Monsoon.
The English Mail.
The French Mail.
In the N.E. Monsoon.
A Private Steamer a few days before the English Mail.

The Post Office is not, by law, responsible for any loss or inconvenience which may arise from the non-delivery, mis-direction, or mis-delivery of any letter, book, or other postal packet (even if the packet be registered); nor is the Post Office responsible for any injury which a packet may sustain during its transmission.

To guard against such injury all postal packets which are likely to suffer from dampness or from great pressure should be placed in strong covers; and even with this precaution no fragile article should be sent through the Post. It should be remembered that every packet has to be handled several times; that it is exposed to considerable pressure and friction in the mail bag; and that, whenever the bag has in the course of its transmission to be transferred by means of the railway apparatus, the risk of injury is much increased.

No information can be given respecting letters which pass through a Post Office except to the persons to whom they are addressed; and in no other way is official information of a private character allowed to be made public. A Postmaster may, however, give an address if he has no reason to believe that the person whose address it is would disapprove of his doing so.

Postmasters are not allowed to return any letter or other packet to the writer or sender, or to any one else, or to delay forwarding it to its destination according to the address, even though a request to such effect be written thereon.

Postmasters are not bound to give change, nor are they authorized to demand change; and when money is paid at a Post Office, whether as change or otherwise, no question as to its right amount, goodness, or weight can be entertained after it has been removed from the counter.

Postmasters are not bound to weigh any letters or other packets for the public, but they may do so, if their duty be not thereby impeded.

The practice of sealing letters passing to and from the East and West Indies, and other countries with hot climates, with wax (except such as is specially prepared), is attended with much inconvenience, and frequently with serious injury, not only to the letters so sealed but to the other letters in the mail, from the melting of the wax and adhesion of the letters to each other. The public are therefore recommended, in all such cases, to use either wafers or gum, and to advise their correspondents in the countries referred to, to do the same.

The registration of a packet makes its transmission much more secure, inasmuch as, under ordinary circumstances, a registered packet can be traced through its whole course; and thus the loss of a registered packet is a very rare occurrence. Nevertheless large sums of money or other articles of great value should not be sent through the post, even if the packet be registered; as the machinery of the Department is not arranged with a view to such transmission.

By law, the Post Office is not responsible for the safe delivery of registered packets; though any officer who may neglect his duty on this point will be called to strict account. Sent in unregistered letters, valuable articles are exposed to risk, and offer a temptation which ought not to be created; and the Department cannot in any way undertake the safe conveyance of such packets. All inland or colonial letters, therefore, which contain coin, and all inland letters which contain watches or jewellery, even though they be posted without registration, are treated as registered, and charged on delivery with a double registration fee of eightpence in addition to the ordinary postage; and any such letters which cannot be registered in time to be forwarded by the Mail for which they are posted are detained for the next despatch. Even if the letter do not contain any article of intrinsic value, it should, if it be very important, be registered.

Most countries to which Hongkong forwards Correspondence having joined the General Postal Union of being probably about to do so, it is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—
Books and Papers—to British Offices, 1 lb.; to the Continent, &c., 2 lbs.
Patterns—to British Offices, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

The following articles cannot be sent by Post at all: Glass, Liquids, Gunpowder, Matches, Candles, Spars, Indigo, Dye-stuffs, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or offensive or injurious to persons dealing with them.

Patterns.—The public is reminded that, in China and Japan, there is no such thing as Parcel Post. Much trouble and disappointment is caused by persistent attempts

to send small valuable trifles through the Post. Fans, Curses, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the senders having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

Patterns.—Some difficulty is experienced in obtaining a general understanding of what is a Pattern. It is a bona fide sample of goods which the sender has for sale, or of goods which he wishes to order. It is to consist of the smallest possible quantity compatible with showing what the goods are, and must have no intrinsic value.

To provide means of remitting small sums of money to or from this Colony and between the Ports of China and Japan, the Postmasters and Agents of this Office will in future be allowed (but not required) to purchase Hongkong Postage Stamps from foreign residents.

Between Hongkong and Shanghai, or Hongkong and Yokohama, however, in either direction, Money-Orders must be used.

The Stamps tendered for sale must not exceed \$25 in value, must be perfectly clear, in good condition, and in strips of at least two, as no separate Stamp will be purchased. They must be presented personally or accompanied by a note.

The Postmaster or Agent may postpone purchasing if his public funds in hand are not sufficient, and he will refuse to purchase in any case which appears doubtful or suspicious. He is allowed to charge a Commission of one per cent on all Stamps purchased.

Letters containing Stamps should be Registered, and the Stamps should be secured from observation.

During the N.E. Monsoon, the Charterers and Agents of sailing ships for Manila, Saigon and Bangkok are requested to give notice to the Post Office of the departures of such ships.

No correspondence will be forwarded by sailing vessel but such as is specially so directed.

Correspondence for the West Indies (except those belonging to the Postal Union, the Bahamas, and Hayti), for Costa Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent via San Francisco.

Money Order Regulations.

1.—Money Orders on the United Kingdom are issued at Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama. Shanghai and Yokohama also issue on Hongkong and vice versa.

2.—Small sums may be remitted between the other Ports by means of Postage Stamps.

3.—Many Money Orders are supplied to residents at the smaller Ports in this way. An application for an order is filled up, and is enclosed with a stamped, directed, and unsealed envelope to the Postmaster at the nearest issuing office. The application must be accompanied with the full amount (including commission) in cheque, postage stamps, or other equivalent of cash, and a little margin should be left for variations of exchange. The Postmaster issues the order, sends it on in the envelope, and returns the change, if any, by first opportunity, with a receipt for the letter, if it were to be registered, as it always should be. Care should be taken to send these applications in time, as the Money Order Offices close some hours before the departures of the mails.

4.—No order must exceed £10, or include any fraction of a penny. Orders will be drawn at the current rate of the day and paid at the rate of the day when the advice arrives.

The commission is as follows:—
Orders on the United Kingdom.
Up to £20.....18 cents.
" 20.....36 "

" 30.....54 "
" 40.....72 "
" 50.....90 "
Local Money Orders.
Up to \$25.....15 cents.
" 25.....30 "

5.—Lists of Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom may be consulted at Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama.

6.—Names must be given in full (except when there is more than one Christian name) but the name of the Payee need not be given if the order be crossed (as cheques are crossed). It can then be paid only through a Bank, and may afterwards be specially crossed to any Bank.

7.—No order can be paid till the Payee have signed it in the proper place. An order can be transferred to another office on payment of an additional commission. In case of loss of an order, necessity for stopping payment, or the like, application should be made to the nearest Money Order Office for instructions.

8.—If the order be not presented within six months an additional commission will be charged; if not within twelve months, the money will be forfeited. When the order is once paid no further claim can be entertained.

9.—No order can be paid until the advice relative to it has been received.

* Made out on a printed form which is supplied gratis.

† Orders on Shanghai are drawn at 2 per cent premium in all cases.

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Unclaimed Correspondence,
Feb. 15, 1878.

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Adwards, Corn. & Co.	5	Mills, Charles F.	2
Aspland, Edwin	1	Mira, A. J.	1
Byrnes	1	Moore, Miss	1
Burnby, Alfred	1	Morland, L.	1
Barnes & Co.	1	Nicholls, Jas.	1
Messrs	1	T. B.	1
Bligh, John J.	1	Pelago, Jose	1
Boon, Mrs Wm. L.	1	Poulson, H.	1
Brown, Capt.	1	Price, Mrs S.	1
Buchanan, G.	1	Raymont, E. W.	1
De Souza & Co.	1	Regd. Robertson	1
Bun Hong Han	1	Capt. B.	1
Burnell, K. A.	1	Rollan, Monsr.	1
Campbell, W. J.	1	Rosali, J. B.	1
S. (M.D.)	1	Rugers, H.	1
Caven, George	1	Ryan, Capt. John	1
Croft, Philip L.	1	Sardo, Monsr.	1
Davis, R. B.	1	Sasso, Luigi	1
De Souza & Co.	1	Scott, Mrs	1
Messrs	1	Scott, Mrs	1
Deverill, John	1	Scott, Mrs	1
Doherty, J.	1	Scott, Mrs	1
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Rollan, Monsr. 1
Rosali, J. B. 1

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Albatross	2	B. Ashton	Brit. str.	366	Jan. 27	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Haiphong	K'loon Dock
Amoy	2	Brown	Brit. str.	973	Feb. 16	Meyer & Co.	Shanghai	K'loon Dock
Alaska	3	Drewes	Brit. str.	876	Jan. 8	Siemssen & Co.	Yama & S. F. doo	23rd inst.
Bertha	5	Howard	Amer. str.	4011	Feb. 14	P. M. S. S. Co.	Australian Ports	
Bombay	5	Langley	Brit. str.	1421	Jan. 21	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.		
Butuan	5	Green	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Achong	Manila	K'loon Dock
Canoea	2	Tremoya	Span. str.	838	Jan. 29	Russell & Co.		
China	2	Ackermann	Ger. str.	648	Feb. 9	Kwok Achong	Shanghai	To-morrow
Cyprien	4	Wood	Brit. str.	1286	Feb. 11	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Manila	To-day
Esmeralda	5	Cullen	Brit. str.	395	Jan. 17	Russell & Co.	Shanghai	18th inst.
Flintshire	4	Thomas	Brit. str.	1243	Dec. 25	H. Kier & Co.	S'pore and Penang	
Glendaloch	7	Taylor	Brit. str.	1386	Feb. 11	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Glendaloch	7	Donaldson	Brit. str.	1370	Feb. 13	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Golden Horn	5	Alkon	Brit. str.	1024	Jan. 25	Wm. Pustan & Co.		
Killarney	4	O'Neill	Brit. str.	1060	Feb. 15	Kwok Achong		
Kwang Tung	5	Westoby	Brit. str.	674	Feb. 15	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Coast Ports	Sand's Slip
Leyte	5	Zubiaguirre	Span. str.	331	Feb. 12	Russell & Co.	Coast Ports	Ab'deen Dock
Minerva	5	Peacock	Brit. str.	1025	Feb. 4	Order	Shanghai	To-day
Namoa	5	Punohard	Brit. str.	864	Feb. 16	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Ningpo	5	Cass	Brit. str.	761	Feb. 12	Kwok Achong	Swatow	Novelty Wh
Noria	5	Walker	Brit. str.	606	Oct. 30	Remedios & Co.		
Panay	4	Goyenechea	Span. str.	500	Oct. 13	Remedios & Co.		
Quarta	4	Baye	Ger. str.	731	Feb. 13	H. Kier & Co.		
Radenhorst	4	Thomson	Brit. str.	1201	Jan. 29	H. Kier & Co.		
Rajasthanhar	4	Thompson	Brit. str.	933	Feb. 19	Insurance Company		
Sea Gull	5	Roberts	Brit. str.	48	Sept. 19	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	19th daylight
Sin Nanzing	5	Drage	Brit. str.	714	Dec. 21	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	London, &c.	Ab'deen Dock
Stentor	5	Clarkpatrick	Brit. str.	1304	Jan. 11	Butterfield & Swire	Coast Ports	at daylight
Strathgairn	5	Clarkpatrick	Brit. str.	1336	Feb. 8	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Taiwan	4	Young	Brit. str.	408	Feb. 14	Douglas Laprak & Co.		
W. Corea de Vries	4	Holland	Brit. str.	478	Feb. 14	Wing Tung Hing		
Yotung	2	Gogglin	Brit. str.	289	Jan. 20	Kwok Achong		
Sailing Vessels.								
Alden Bess	4	Noyes	Amer. bge.	842	Dec. 27	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Alex. Newton	4	Newton	Brit. bge.	308	Feb. 1	Chinese	London	
Allice M. Minott	2	Whitmore	Amer. bge.	1100	Jan. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Manila	For Sale
Alphington	2	Cunningham	Brit. bge.	326	Sept. 6	Wielor & Co.	Manila	To-morrow
Amle Florence	2	Johnson	Brit. bge.	657	Dec. 14	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Melbourne & Sydney	Coast Dock
Angele	2	Barbeyron	Feh. bge.	891	Nov. 14	Carlowitz & Co.		
Anna	2	Jessen	Ger. bge.	447	Jan. 7	Edvard Schellhaus & Co.		
Annie Lorway	4	Gales	Brit. bge.	752	Jan. 8	Chinese		
Annie M. Smull	2	Packer	Amer. sh.	1053	Dec. 4	Russell & Co.		
Antelope	1	Chaney	Brit. sh.	1308	Feb. 16	Captain	Hamburg	
Antipodes	4	Wyeth	Brit. bge.	592	Jan. 16	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Aristos	4	Brickson	Norw. bge.	825	Feb. 14	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	
B. F. Watson	4	Watkins	Amer. bge.	823	Nov. 25	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Shanghai	
Beethoven	4	Hays	Ger. bge.	440	Nov. 25	Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	
Bonita	4	Stehr	Ger. sm. bge.	341	Jan. 28	Edvard Schellhaus & Co.	Shanghai	
Briabane	4	Hudleston	Brit. bge.	394	Dec. 17	Russell & Co.	Shanghai	
Broomhall	4	Bate	Brit. sh.	1379	Oct. 26	Meyer & Co.	Shanghai	
Carl Ritter	7	Lausen	Ger. bge.	598	Jan. 5	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	
Ceylon	4	Kelly	Amer. bge.	681	Feb. 8	Chinese	Shanghai	
Charger	4	Baile	Amer. sh.	1448	Jan. 28	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	
Charron Wattana	2	Ulrich	Siam. sh.	656	Feb. 4	Chinese	Shanghai	
Christine	2	Wildfang	Ger. bge.	541	Feb. 1	Chinese	Shanghai	
City of Halifax	4	Evans	Brit. sh.	880	Dec. 24	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Shanghai	
Comet	4	Norris	Amer. sh.	1158	Feb. 7	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Shanghai	
Corean	8	Stabel	Amer. sh.	160	Sept. 26	Insurance Co.	Shanghai	
Cuba	8	Lehonnals	Feh. bge.	318	Jan. 31	Edvard Schellhaus & Co.	Shanghai	
Dauphin	3	Fozor	Brit. bge.	389	Dec. 1	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Shanghai	
Echo	4	Ivans	Brit. bge.	941	Jan. 22	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	
Edward P. Bouverie	3	Martin	Feh. bge.	254	Feb. 13	Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghai	
Eudoxie Adolphe	3	Gargallo	Feh. bge.	484	Feb. 9	Thos. Howard & Co.	Shanghai	
F. Staros	2	Deary	Brit. bge.	783	Dec. 23	Meyer & Co.	Shanghai	
Falcon	2	Deary	Brit. bge.	813	Jan. 12	Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghai	
Fanny Balangh	4	Rute	Ger. bge.	240	Jan. 13	Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghai	
Felix Mendelssohn	4	Barber	Ger. bge.	921	Feb. 8	Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	
Fiello	3	Bohnen	Ger. bge.	817	Feb. 12	Wielor & Co.	Shanghai	
Flodden	8	Fraser	Brit. bge.	837	Nov. 80	Wielor & Co.	Shanghai	
Freeman Clark	8	Dwight	Amer. sh.	1338	Jan. 19	Battles & Co.	Shanghai	
Friedrich	8	Heyer	Ger. sm. sh.	295	Feb. 5	Wielor & Co.	Shanghai	
G. F. Muntz	7	Schulkin	Ger. bge.	924	Feb. 12	Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	
Gatherer	7	Thomson	Amer. sh.	1505	Jan. 23	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	
Georgina	4	Romney	Brit. bge.	815	Jan. 8	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Shanghai	
Glamorganshire	4	McEachern	Brit. bge.	456	Dec. 2	H. Kier & Co.	Shanghai	
Globe	2	Harrison	Brit. bge.	736	Feb. 13	Meyer & Co.	Shanghai	
Golden Spur	4	Farrell	Brit. sh.	656	Dec. 22	Meyer & Co.	Shanghai	
Great Admiral	4	Thompson	Amer. sh.	1576	Aug. 19	Russell & Co.	Shanghai	
Hark Away	4	Peter	Brit. bge.	773	Feb. 12	Russell & Co.	Shanghai	
Harbord Black	8	Arat	Amer. bge.	973	Jan. 15	Rozario & Co.	Shanghai	
Harmann	4	Davidson	Ger. bge.	484	Feb. 6	Captain	Shanghai	
Hieronymus	4	Koch	Brit. bge.	256	Feb. 4	Landstein & Co.	Shanghai	
Humboldt	7	Willey	Amer. sh.	1018	Feb. 18	Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai	
India	4	Dickson	Ger. bge.	1000	Jan. 22	Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	
Ionian	3	Cave	Brit. bge.	373	Nov. 24	Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghai	
Jalo	7	Moberg	Russ. sh.	1365	Dec. 20	Landstein & Co.	Shanghai	
Japan	8	Ottmanns	Ger. sch.	270	Jan. 30	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	
Jessie Jamieson	8	West	Brit. bge.	504	Dec. 31	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Shanghai	
John Potts	8	McPherson	Brit. bge.	374	Jan. 24	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Shanghai	
Kalaja	3	Ross	Russ. bge.	690	Jan. 12	Order	Shanghai	
Kate Waters	4	Giese	Brit. bge.	580	Dec. 3	Rozario & Co.	Shanghai	
Kenton	2	Colvin	Brit. bge.	667	Feb. 15	Wielor & Co.	Shanghai	
Lady Bowen	3	Fox	Brit. bge.	892	Jan. 21	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Shanghai	
Lord of the Isles	3	Watt	Brit. bge.	317	Jan. 31	Meyer & Co.	Shanghai	
Lucie	2	Klindt	Siam. bge.	432	Feb. 12	Tak Mee	Shanghai	
Madeleine	4	Pateau	Feh. bge.	416	Feb. 9	Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghai	
Marie	8	Hundewadt	Ger. bge.	428	Jan. 28	Wielor & Co.	Shanghai	
Mignon	2	Eravians	Amer. sm. bge.	434	Dec. 7	Rozario & Co.	Shanghai	
Minerva	2	Eravians	Amer. bge.	273	Jan. 30	Order	Shanghai	
Morning Star	3	Michaelson	Siam. bge.	570	Jan. 5	Tack Mee	Shanghai	
Mosquito	3	Miles	Brit. bge.	197	Feb. 12	Landstein & Co.	Shanghai	
Moss Glen	7	Nicholls	Brit. bge.	549	Feb. 12	Landstein & Co.	Shanghai	
Niagara	4	Wichhusen	Ger. bge.	920	Dec. 29	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Shanghai	
Nicolaus	7	Stalker	Ger. sch.	157	Feb. 14	Chinese	Shanghai	
Nimrod	5	Clark	Brit. bge.	695	Jan. 24	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Shanghai	
Northern Star	4	Wortley	Brit. bge.	327	Jan. 6	Wielor & Co.	Shanghai	
Nuevo Constante	3	Uriarte	Span. sch.	217	Feb. 14	Remedios & Co.	Shanghai	
Palestine	1	Scowcroft	Brit. bge.	598	Feb. 14	Tal Lee	Shanghai	
Pauline	4	Fyrer	Brit. bge.	472	Feb. 7	Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai	
Quikstep	3	Barnaby	Amer. bge.	826	Jan. 4	Captain	Shanghai	
Rapid	2	Hunte	Siam. bge.	429	Jan. 5	Tek-mee Hop-kee	Shanghai	
Rubicon	4	Linneen	Brit. sm. sch.	204	Jan. 17	Meyer & Co.	Shanghai	
Samar	3	Millar	Amer. sh.	1056	Feb. 8	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Shanghai	
Silas Fish	7	Williams	Amer. bge.	752	Feb. 18	Meyer & Co.	Shanghai	
Star of India	3	Hollowes	Brit. bge.	1040	Feb. 14	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Shanghai	
Ste. Anne	8	Eravians	Brit. bge.	236	Nov. 26	Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghai	
Sully	3	Bara	Feh. bge.	387	Jan. 4	Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghai	
Sumatra	3	Clough	Amer. sh.	1090	Sept. 11	Russell & Co.	Shanghai	
Tartar	8	Kaemona	Ger. bge.	256	Jan. 11	Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	
Taunton	8	Armstrong	Brit. sh.	687	Jan. 24	Captain	Shanghai	
Theresa & Nelly	3	Fleurior	Feh. bge.	388	Feb. 9	Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghai	
Thomas Bell	1	Gruselice	Brit. sh.	838	Feb. 11	Bornes Co., Limited	Shanghai	
Titan	8	Berry	Amer. sh.	1270	Feb. 7	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	
Tokates	8	Harrison	Brit. bge.	605	Feb. 13	Captain	Shanghai	
Tito	2	Bakker	Dut. bge.	268	Feb. 13	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	
Uziah	8	Hamden	Brit. sm. sch.	219	Jan. 26	Wielor & Co.	Shanghai	
Vega	8	Nordvedt	Norw. bge.	585	Jan. 5	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Shanghai	
Velocity	3	Martin	Brit. bge.	600	Jan. 12	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Shanghai	
Warrior	3	Baumann	Brit. bge.	919	Jan. 8	Wielor & Co.	Shanghai	
Wildwood	7	Herriman	Amer. sh.	1099	Jan. 28	Rozario & Co.	Shanghai	
Young Siam	8	Benedictson	Siam. sh.	701	Feb. 7	Kin-tye-long	Shanghai	
WHAMPOA								
Monit	8	Blaje	Ger. bge.	812	Feb. 8	Wielor & Co.	Shanghai	
Papa	8	Blaje	Ger. bge.	892	Feb. 9	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	
Papa	8	Luhre	Ger. bge.	870	Feb. 10	Edvard Schellhaus & Co.	Shanghai	
CANTON								
Hochung	8	Peterah	Chi. str.	849	Feb. 14	O. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Atadacious	6	British	Iron-clad (flag-ship)	6034	14	600	Dec. 10	F. Durrant
Chop-chung	6	Chinese	gunboat	800	1	100	Feb. 18	Lee Tack Ming
Curlew	6	British	gun vessel	774	3	160	Dec. 11	E. J. Chubb
Growler	6	British	gun vessel	484	4	120	Feb. 8	O. E. D. Wilcox
Hoi Chong Ching	6	Chinese	revenue cutter	300	8	80	Feb. 16	Mow Wing Tai
Lapping	7	Chinese	gun vessel	774	3	160	Dec. 9	W. G. Scott
Moonsey	6	British	military hospital	2591	...	...	...	...
Monobay	6	U. S.	corvette	786	...	...	Feb. 18	G. W. Sumner
Esper	6	U. S.	gun vessel	541	...	600	Feb. 18	H. D. Manley
Esper	6	British	gun vessel	408	...	80	Feb. 11	O. P. Tudor
Esper	6	American	flag-ship	2540	...	...	Jan. 21	J. Young
Victor Emmanuel	6	British	Commodore's flag-ship	5087	14
Vigilant	7	British	flag-ship	896	2

HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

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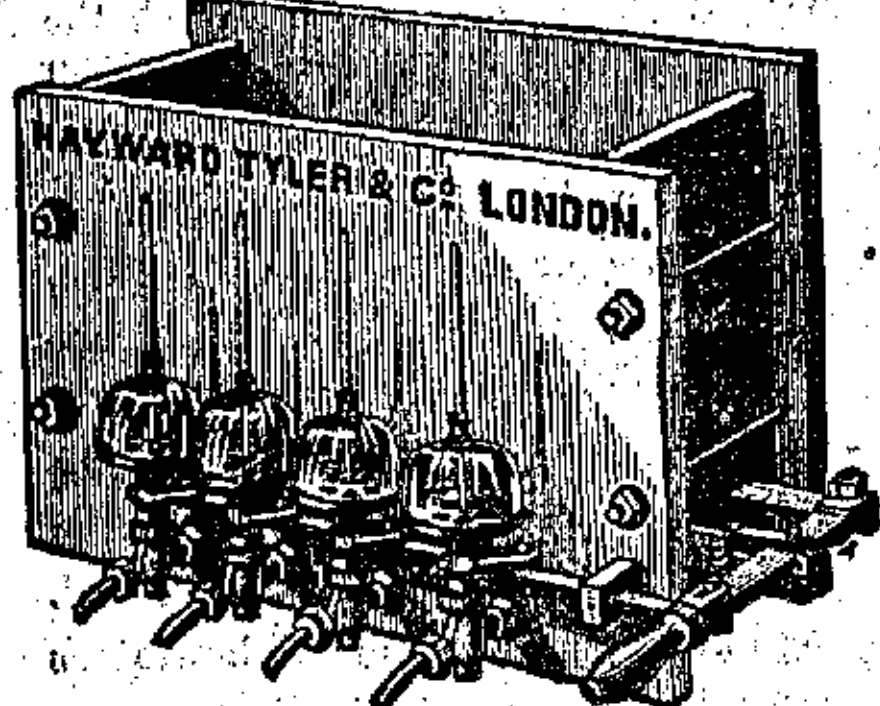
At 1100 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

Butcher Meat.	Price.	Chinese Names.
Bacon, English, lb.	500	來路烟猪肉
" Ame. Sugar cured, lb.	300	花旗烟猪肉
" Foochow, new, lb.	200	福州烟猪肉
Beef, sirloin and prime cut, cy.	150	尾龍扒
Beef Corned, catty	130	鹹牛肉
" Roast, lb.	140	燒牛肉
" Soup, lb.	90	湯肉
" Steak, lb.	140	牛肉
Bullocks' Brains, per set	60	牛腦
" Tongue, fresh, each	275	牛脚
" " corned, each	320	鹹牛脚
" Head, lb.	500	牛頭
" Heart, lb.	140	牛心
" Hump, Salt, catty	130	牛肩
" Feet, lb.	40	牛脚
" Kidneys, lb.	60	牛腰
" Tail, lb.	100	牛尾

Intimations.

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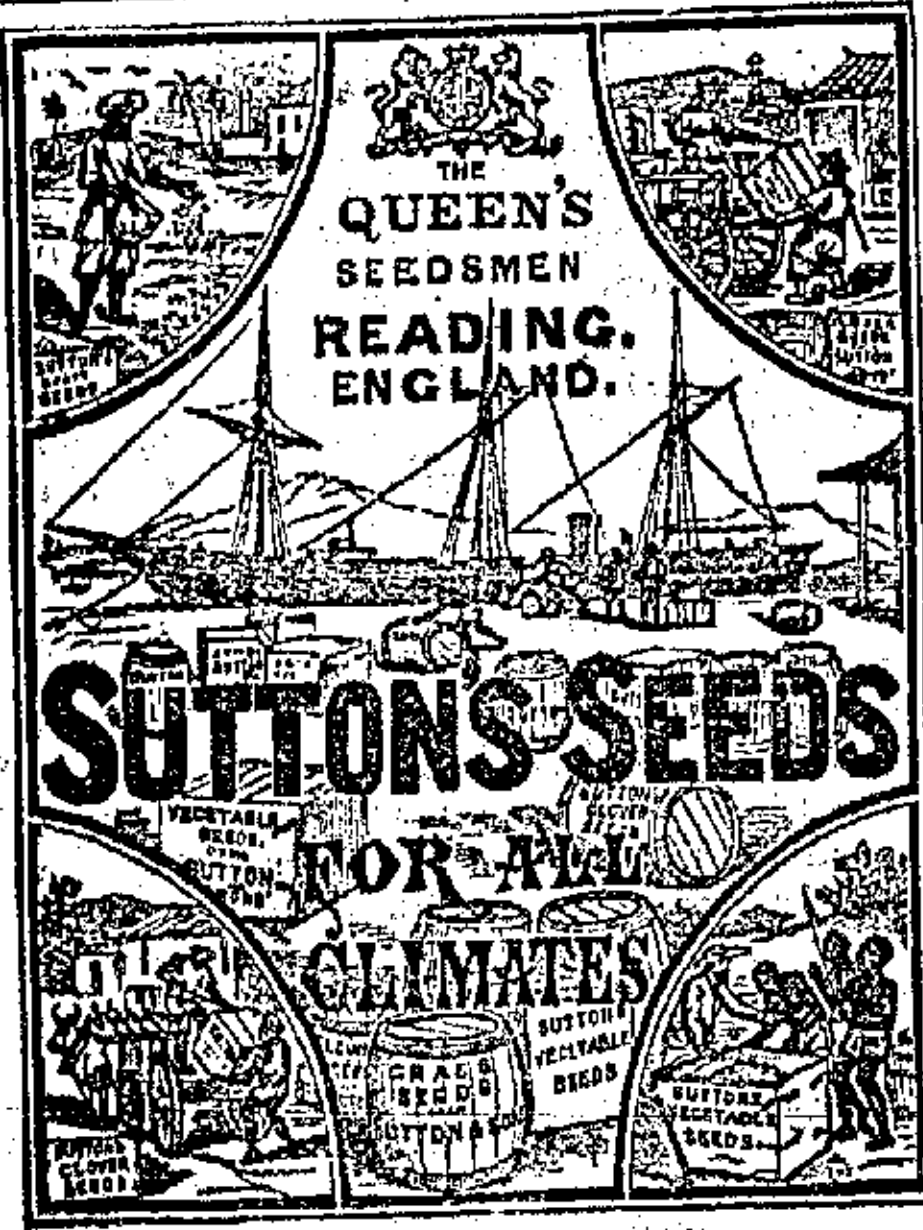
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\$75 per Share on 1st day of March, 1878, or within 10 days thereafter.

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Hongkong, 1st February, 1878.

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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style or Firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., who will henceforward conduct the Agency of the AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

G. R. STEVENS.
Hongkong, December 29, 1877.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port as a GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

J. V. VERNON SHAW.
Hongkong, November 1, 1877. my1

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port, under the Style or Firm, WEST POINT IRON WORKS, ENGINEERS AND BOILERMAKERS, BY WILLIAM DUNPHY & Co., Late Manager of the NOVELTY IRON WORKS, Hongkong.

WM. DUNPHY.
Hongkong, December 10, 1877. jel0

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

QUICKSTEP, American barque, Captain Barnaby.—Captain.
TARTAR, German brig, Captain Kaemena.—Melchers & Co.
MARIE, German barque, Captain Hunsdewit.—Wider & Co.
PALESTINE, British barque, Captain H. Scowcroft.—Tai Lee.
KILLARNEY, British steamer, Captain O'Neill.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.
The Spanish Steamer "EMUY,"
BLANCO, Master, daily expected from Manila, will have immediate despatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, February 16, 1878.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction at their Office, No. 23, Queen's Road, on

WEDNESDAY NEXT,

the 20th Instant,
A Quantity of ANTHRACITE EGG COAL,
Ex "John Potts."

In Lots to suit Purchasers.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

HUGHES & LEGG,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, February 16, 1878. fe20

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

FOREIGN ATTACHMENTS.

Summary Jurisdiction.
Suit No. 168. Plaintiff LEONG ASOO, Defendant NG KWE.
Suit No. 173. Plaintiff YIP TAI NGAM, Defendant NG KWE.
Original Jurisdiction.
Suit No. 5. Plaintiff HO AROW, Defendant NG KWE.

NOTICE is hereby given that writs of Foreign Attachments returnable on the 27th day of February inst., against all the Property moveable or immovable of the above named Defendant within the Colony, has been issued in each of the above Suits pursuant to the Provisions of Section LXXXII. of "The Hongkong Code of Civil Procedure."

Dated the 14th day of February, A.D. 1878.

SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON,
Solicitors for the General Plaintiffs,
SUPREME COURT HOUSE,
Hongkong.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

FOREIGN ATTACHMENTS.

Original Jurisdiction.
Suit No. 7. Plaintiff LO A-NAM, Defendant NG A-KW.
Suit No. 8. Plaintiff LEONG AWOON, Defendant NG A-KW.

NOTICE is hereby given that writs of Foreign Attachments returnable on the 1st day of March 1878, against all the Property moveable or immovable of the above named Defendant within the Colony has been issued in each of the above Suits pursuant to the Provisions of Section LXXXII. of "The Hongkong Code of Civil Procedure."

Dated the 16th day of February, A.D. 1878.

SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON,
Solicitors for the General Plaintiffs,
SUPREME COURT HOUSE,
Hongkong.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 15, Kwang Tung, British steamer, 674, G. T. Westoby, Aberdeen Dec. 21, via ports of call, and Singapore Feb. 7, Ballast.—DOUGLAS LAFLAIRE & Co.
Feb. 16, Stentor, British steamer, 1304, Kirkpatrick, Shanghai Feb. 9, and Foochow 14, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Feb. 16, Fuyue, Chinese steamer, 920, A. Cross, Shanghai Feb. 13, General.—O. M. S. N. Co.
Feb. 16, Maggie, H. M. gunboat, from Swatow Feb. 15.
Feb. 16, Feiho, German barque, 251, Christine, Quinhon Feb. 2, Salt.—ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 16, Standard, for Saigon.
Feb. 16, Casandra, for Saigon.
Feb. 16, May, for Singapore.
Feb. 16, Emerald, for Manila.
Feb. 16, Ningpo, for Shanghai.
Feb. 16, Fuyue, for Canton.

CLEARED.

John Potts, for Takow.
Taiwan, for Swatow.
Cyphrus, for Saigon.
Annie Florence, for Manila.
Beethoven, for Chefoo.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Stentor, from Shanghai, &c., Mr and Mrs Hickman, Messrs Tennent, Daniels, Smith and Holt, and 30 Chinese.
Per Fuyue, from Shanghai, Mr Sampson, and 41 Chinese.
Per Kwang Tung, from Singapore, 11 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Emerald, for Manila, Dr. and Mrs. Stout, Rev. Guillermo Barrio, Mr Barashaw, and 9 Chinese.
Per Ningpo, for Shanghai, 1 Cabin.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Stentor reports: Fine weather throughout the passage. The Chinese steamer Fuyue reports: Strong N.E. winds and high sea throughout.

The British steamer Kwang Tung reports: Left Aberdeen at 0.45 p.m. on the 21st of December, had strong S.W. winds to North Foreland, thence to Dartmouth strong Westerly winds, where we landed pilot and took our departure at 9 a.m. on the 24th. Had strong Westerly and N.W. gales and high sea to Cape Finisterre, thence to Gibraltar moderate winds and fine weather, which was passed at 7 a.m. on the 29th. Passed Malta at 10 a.m. on the 2nd Jan. Arrived at Port Said at 1 p.m. on the 6th. Left Suez on 10th and had strong head winds down the Red Sea. Thence to Penang fresh Easterly winds and fine weather. Arrived there on February 2nd. Arrived at Singapore on the 6th. Left for Hongkong on the 7th and had fresh monsoon from Cape Varella, and thence to port strong Northerly and N.E. winds with confused sea, and dull cloudy weather with light drizzling rain. Passed S. S. Pernambuco from Saigon to Hongkong.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—
Per Cyphrus, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 17th inst.

For MANILA.—
Per barque Annie Florence, at 9 a.m. Tomorrow, the 17th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per Glenroy, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 18th inst.

Per Sin Nanning, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 18th inst.

For SAIGON.—
Per Quarta, at 3.30 p.m., on Monday, the 18th inst.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, and MELBOURNE.—
Per Bertha, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 23rd inst. Private ship rates.

Correspondence for New Zealand, Tasmania, and Adelaide can be sent.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet Alaska will be despatched on MONDAY, the 18th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m. Registry of Letters closes.
2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Packet Packet Yangtze will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 21st instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, and Malacca, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, St. Paul, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Packet Packet INDUS will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 28th instant.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Daylight.—Taiwan leaves for Coast Ports.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Shipping.

Noon.—Glenroy leaves for Shanghai.

8 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

Auction.

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, &c., at Lieut.-Col. Sherwin's residence, "Orangefield."

Meetings.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited, at Club Chambers.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 7, Queen's Road.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.30 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEB. 16, 1878.

"RELATIONS between Russia and Austria are critical." This announcement at the present moment is one of vast importance. It settles once for all the question of Austria's neutrality or hostility to England; almost dissipates belief in the treaty of the three emperors, and holds out a prospect of the Russians ultimately finding their invasion of Turkey a most unfortunate and calamitous undertaking. The Austrian-Hungarian army is one which the patriots of that empire would probably be very unwilling to admit was in any way inferior to that of Russia, and should His Most Catholic Majesty, Franz Joseph I, take it into his head to march two or three hundred thousand men in Roumania we are disposed to believe the Russian troops on the other side of the Danube would find their predicament a serious one, especially if an Anglo-Turkish army should also commence operations at the same moment in the neighbourhood of Constantinople. According to the official returns Austria possesses an army numbering 286,218 men on the peace footing, and 1,051,421 men on the war footing. Russia possesses, or rather her official returns indicated she possessed before the commencement of the present war, a standing army of 787,998 men, which in time of war was capable of being raised to 1,871,874 men. Probably, however, neither country would be able to place nearly as many men as this under arms for fighting purposes, and especially in the case of Russia have these numbers to be regarded as "nominal." When we come to examine the returns of artillery and cavalry—forces which form an indispensable part of any army—we do not find such a large disparity between the two countries. The artillery of Russia in 1876 numbered 1,422 guns on a peace footing, while that of Austria at the commencement of 1876 numbered 1,344 guns, exclusive of two battalions of mountain artillery. The cavalry of Austria on the peace footing numbered 35,793, and on a war footing 68,794 men. The Russian cavalry numbered 38,306 on the peace footing, and 49,183 on the war footing, but Russia has a host of Cossacks (130,000) who, however, do not appear to be greatly distinguishing themselves in the present war.

There is no doubt that the issue of a struggle between Russia and Austria under ordinary circumstances would be a doubtful one, but with a large Russian force isolated on the other side of the Danube, and Turkish forces and fortresses on all sides, the Czar's troops would assuredly run the risk of a tremendous disaster. If they could not be captured, or driven out of Bulgaria and Roumania, their starvation tactics, so successful at Plevna, might apparently be readily turned against themselves. An army cannot exist in a state of efficiency without other supplies than those of food. The telegrams almost indicate that the Russians seem to appreciate the difficulties of their position. "A despatch has," we are told, "been received from Prince Gortschakoff in which he declares that the Russian occupation of Constantinople is entirely a pacific measure." This is slightly less bellicose than the announcement of the Prince a day or two previously that "as the British Ironclad Squadron goes to Constantinople we shall send Russian troops there also." The Prince is hardly consistent in his despatches, for in one he intimates that Russian troops are to be sent to the Turkish capital because the British are going there, while in the next, the occupation of the place is declared to be for pacific purposes. In a general way, we should imagine that the despatch of Russian troops into Constantinople is just the proceeding to bring about a rupture with England, but to speak of the act as a pacific measure is an eminently Russian method of putting it. We do not believe that Germany would go beyond diplomatic utterances on behalf of the Czar's troops in a trap. In the first place a war between Germany and Austria, the latter, perhaps, united with England, would almost inevitably result in another Franco-German war, and considering the immense forces, splendidly armed and drilled, France would now be able to place in the field, Germany's friendship for Russia is hardly likely to induce her to run the risk of hostilities with at least two powerful countries, each strong enough to find work for the whole of her forces. While we do not believe in English interests being so strongly bound up with the fate of Constantinople as some people would

have us believe, this war is unquestionably one of Russia's own seeking, and England will assuredly have right on her side in checking the aggressiveness of the northern Colossus. The Powers, united, were prepared to demand all that fairly could be demanded from the Turk in the shape of improvements in the government and the more considerate treatment of the Christian subjects of the Porte, although the campaign in Bulgaria has pretty well shown that these unfortunates were not so very badly treated after all; Russia, however, preferred to rush in with the sword and a large and varied selection of pious ejaculations. In face of these facts we shall not be touched with very profound sorrow if she ultimately finds the campaign was a mistake, and not quite such a great success as she anticipated.

REUTERS TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL.")

(By Southern Route.)

THE WAR.

London, 14th Feb. 1878.

In the House of Commons, in reply to a question, Sir Stafford Northcote (Chancellor of the Exchequer) said that although the Porte refuses to give permission to enter the Dardanelles, the passage was unopposed and that the Squadron was now at Marmora.

A despatch has been received from Prince Gortschakoff in which he declares that the Russian occupation of Constantinople is entirely a pacific measure.

Lord Derby has replied to this despatch, protesting against any occupation.

Relations between Russia and Austria are critical.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Legislative Council will meet on Tuesday, the 19th instant, at 2.30 p.m.

We learn that Dr. Hancock is to relieve Sir Brooke Robertson at once, and that Mr. Stronach goes to Whampoa.

Mr. W. M. Morgan, who was fined at the last inquest for non-attendance, has had his fine remitted, having sent in a satisfactory explanation of his non-attendance.

The Gazette also publishes an official acknowledgement of Rupees 548.10.4 towards the Indian Relief Fund, forwarded to Madras by Bishop Raimond, from the officers and men of the Portuguese gunboat Tejo.

The Government Gazette contains letters to H. E. the Governor, concerning the China Famine Relief Fund, from Rev. Messrs. Mairhead and Palmer (of Shanghai), and from Father Burghignoni (of Hongkong), bearing on the pressing necessity of aid being given to the poor starving populations of Shen-si, Shan-si and Honan provinces. The horrors of the situation in these regions must be beyond all description, and the efforts of all good men and true ought to be directed towards their alleviation.

We have much pleasure in informing the Ladies of Hongkong that His Excellency the Governor, in accordance with their wishes, has consented to aid the Bazaar for the relief of the starving Chinese in the North, by directing the erection of a building for the purpose in the Public Gardens. This will be opened on Friday, the 22nd instant; and those who have been preparing contributions, fancy work or other articles, and who have not yet forwarded them, are requested to do so as early as possible to Mrs. Edmund Sharp, Robinson Road. We trust the double attraction in the Gardens on Friday will draw a large attendance, and would suggest to the Committee of the Horticultural Society the suitability of admitting all ladies and gentlemen connected with the public services at say half price, and that this arrangement should include all nationalities.

Messrs. Douglas Laflaire & Co.'s new steamer the Kwangtung, Captain Westoby, arrived here yesterday from Aberdeen. She made the run from Aberdeen to this port, touching at the usual intermediate ports, in 56 days. The Kwangtung has been built to the order of Messrs. Douglas Laflaire & Co., by Messrs. Hall, Russell & Co., of Aberdeen, to replace the vessel of the same name which was lost on Oakes Island in April 1876. She is a much larger and superior vessel to her namesake, however, and in model somewhat resembles the Douglas. As might be expected her equipment is all of the most modern type. The saloon is rather a novelty, being divided into two, one being on the upper deck and one on the lower deck, and a staircase leading from the one to the other. The state-rooms, sufficient to accommodate 16 first class passengers, are on the upper deck, communicating with the upper saloon. She has the usual houses on deck, which is flush fore and aft. Despite the somewhat long passage she has made we are given to understand that she is a vessel that can average a high rate of speed. The highest speed attained during the passage, in the Bitter Lakes, was 13 knots, and in ordinary weather she can maintain an average speed of from 10 to 10½ knots. Most of her officers are well known on this coast, having been for several years in the employ of Messrs. Douglas Laflaire & Co. Their names are Capt. Westoby, Chief and Second Officer Messrs. Goods and Mills, and Chief

Engineer Mr. Macintosh. The following are the dimensions of the vessel:—Length over all, 226 ft.; between perpendiculars, 220 ft.; extreme breadth, 31 feet 6 inches; depth of hold, 21 feet; gross carrying capacity, about 500 tons; the registered tonnage being set down as 974 tons. Her engines are a pair of compound steam engines, each of 180 H.P. nominal. We wish the Kwangtung a more successful career than her predecessor of the same name.

Last night a number of gentlemen assembled at the house of Mr. G. M. A. da Silva, Old Bailey-street, to witness some experiments with a telephone constructed by Mr. da Silva himself. As demonstrating the soundness of the principle of the invention the experiments were perfectly successful. Singing in an upper room of the house was distinctly heard through the instrument, and although conversations were hardly practicable, at least when the telephone was used by those entirely unaccustomed to its sound, yet such words as "enough," and "repeat" were readily heard and understood. Later in the evening the telephone, or rather one of the two telephones necessary to carry on communication, was taken to a house in Elgin Street, some fifty or sixty yards distant, and there also piano playing and talking in Mr. da Silva's house could be distinguished although perhaps not quite so readily. It would of course have been unreasonable to expect Mr. da Silva, in the first attempt, to construct a delicate instrument of this kind, which should give as successful results as the telephones of Professor Bell. Mr. da Silva's first efforts to make a telephone were, we believe, induced by the description and wood-cut of the instrument which appeared in this journal, but subsequently he obtained a more detailed guide in his work from the excellent diagrams and notes respecting the instrument appearing in the Illustrated London News. An idea of the difficulties encountered by Mr. da Silva in making the two telephones may be gathered from the fact that being unable to obtain off-hand plates of iron thin enough for the diaphragm, he had to get some rubbed down to the required thickness by hand, several plates being spoiled in the process; and when a couple of these plates were ultimately successfully prepared, they were abandoned in favour of some foreign type plates, which Mr. da Silva happened one day to come across. Mr. da Silva seems to be remarkably fond of and expert in scientific experiments, and doubtless can, if he desires, bring his telephone to far greater perfection than it is at the present moment.

The annual meeting of seatholders of Union Church was held yesterday evening (Feb. 15

